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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
SHOICHI HARAKAWA ET AL :  
SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL :  
APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING :  
PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM AND ITS :  
CONTROL METHOD :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified divisional application as follows:

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.